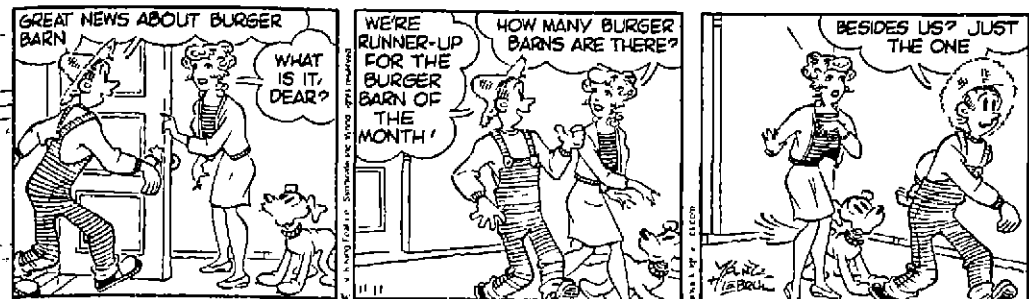


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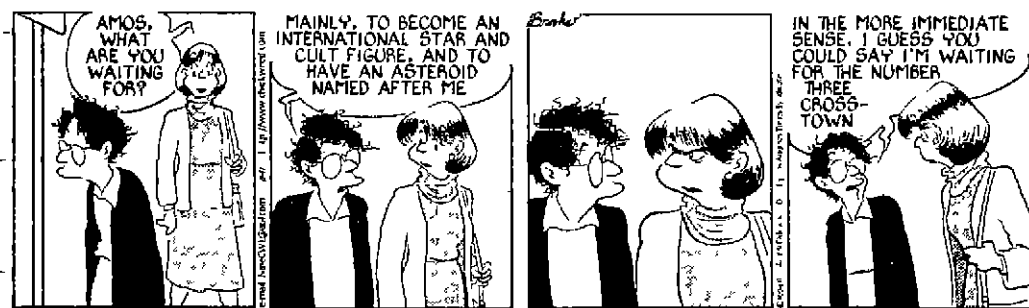
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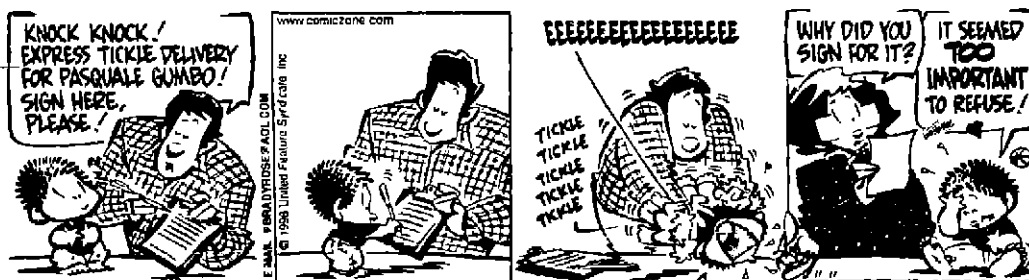
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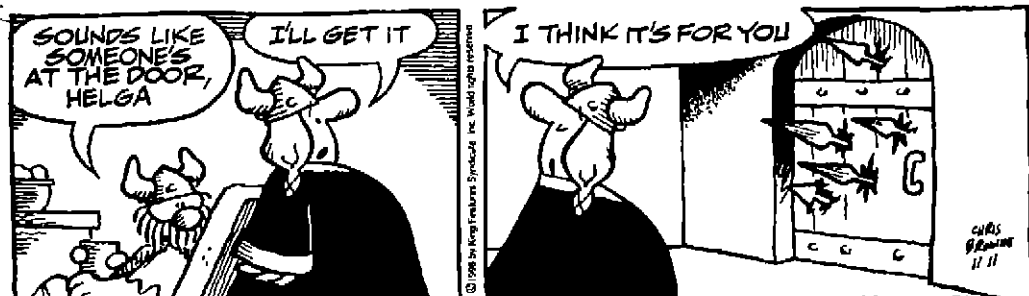
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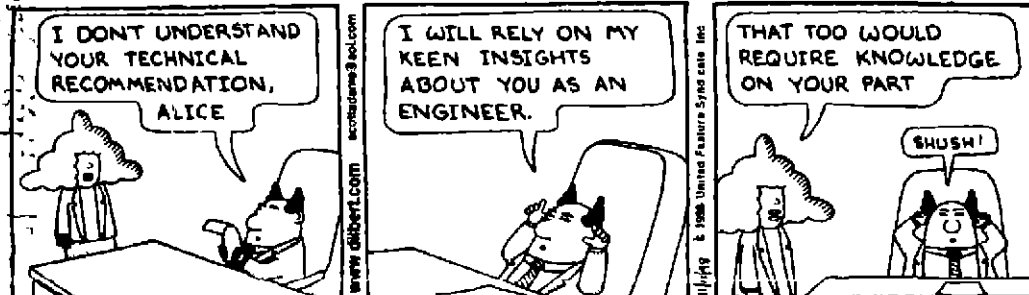
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



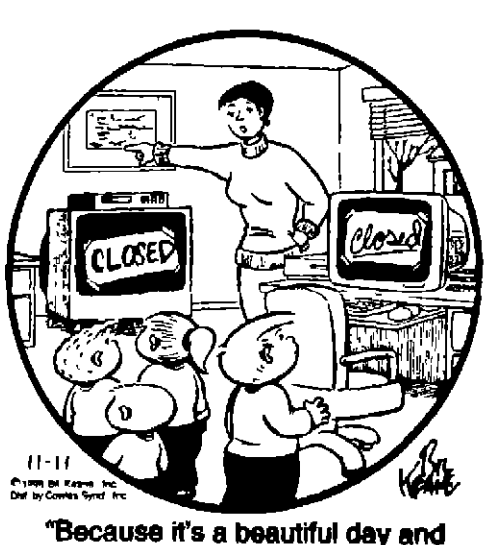
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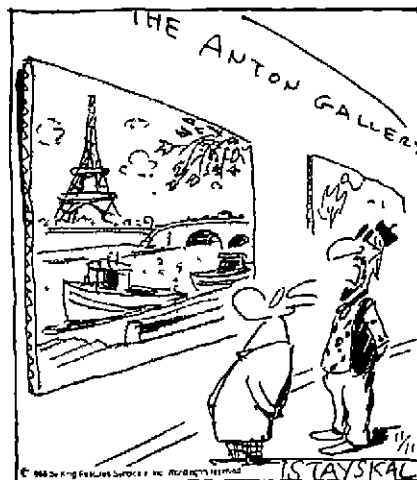
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"Actually, it's not from my blue period I just forgot to take off my sunglasses"

Today's Birthdays

Author Kurt Vonnegut Jr. is 76
Comedian Jonathan Winters is 73
Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge (XTC) is 45
Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 44
Rock singer Dave Alvin is 43
Actress Demi Moore is 36
Actress Calista Flockhart ("Ally McBeal") is 34
Actor Phillip McKee is 34
Rock musician Scott Mercado is 34
Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 24

I NEED HELP



Caught without her mace, Clarise improvises with Dr. Pepper spray.

SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unquenchable need for order will drive you to organizing everything in sight — your closets and your workplace.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Romance is on the rise... whether you're involved in a romantic relationship or a single looking for love.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not paying careful attention, you might miss the deeper meaning of a message.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel a bit enervated from recent events.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Another's indiscretion might tempt you into allowing your true feelings to emerge.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Virgo finds it difficult to ask for recognition and praise, but this time you deserve it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Listening to gossip will only upset your normal calm.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You cut an impressive figure at an important meeting.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your strong opinions might cause resentment all around.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Take the time to discover why former efforts have failed.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) While others stall on decisions and projects, you forge ahead courageously.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Listen carefully to what another is trying to tell you.

WORD SLEUTH

Word Sleuth puzzle grid and instructions.

ACES

ACES puzzle grid and instructions.

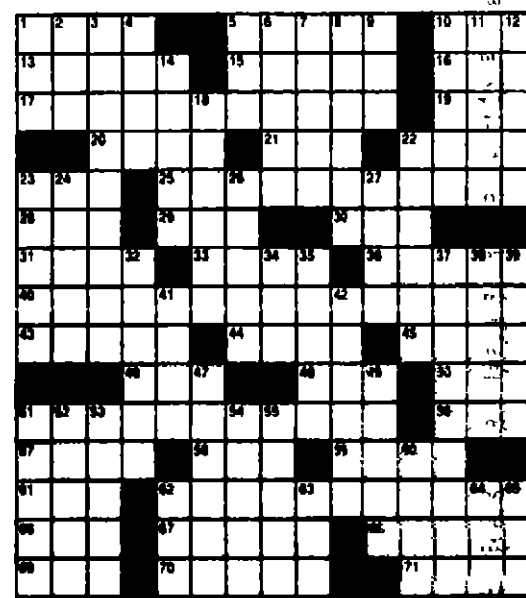
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0930

- ACROSS
1 Difficult position
8 Narc's find
10 Shick performance
13 Bar order, with "the"
18 Conductor Sir Georg
19 Dug in
17 Sugary drink?
19 Oater affirmative
20 Rachel's sister
21 Elephant's tail?
22 A few
22 Sheepish remark?
25 Brewery?
26 Org. that does investigations
28 Cat (winter vehicle)
29 Not look too lively
31 Paw
33 Dits' partners
36 With 22-Down, cautious statement
40 This puzzle's theme song?
43 Vintage tune
44 "Amcray!"
45 Blowgun ammo
46 Blowgun ammo
48 Sounds of indecision
50 — juice (milk)
51 Heavy drinker?
52 B and B
57 Fab Four film of '65
58 Calendar abbr.
59 Palindromic time
61 "Marouf" bartone
63 Bottles-only drinker?
66 Gun
67 Let up
68 Minimum wage makers, maybe
69 Devon river
70 Mike of "Wayne's World"
71 A P.O. addressee
DOWN
1 Hero
2 Telepathy and such
3 Beat in a dance marathon
4 1991 film "Little Man"
5 Flat tire sound
6 Name
7 Color d' —, Idaho
8 Pokes drive them
9 Thrill, say
10 Louisiana feature
11 Knockknocks
12 Dakota lodging
14 Jokes, e.g.
15 Name in a #1 Beach Boys song
16 See 36-Across
17 Herby an intellectual

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DEAN MTO REDEATE
AGRA TWO ERICHS
JACKAROO MADMEN
ANDORRA CATSEYE
GOCKATOO
MBO ARTIST ADD
ACHES DEKABOO
GRANIA DIANIN
KANGAROO NAUHU
SPA TANTIFF FEE
BUCKAROO
NOUALLY ANLUERS
AFROGA RICKAROO
UNAFES AGE LUMA
DARTERS UBO TCEB



- 34 Sharon of Israel
35 Has a good, hard laugh
37 Padlock's partner
38 Cause to err
39 Initials for a prince
40 Asian capital
41 Tropical waters
42 Tire center
43 Incommute
44 Borscht base
45 Loch —
47 Free-for-all
48 Eagle's descent
49 Cut
50 E-mail forerunner
51 Greenish
52 Obliterate
53 Career officer
54 Larc doems
55 Brackness prignon
56 Stats
57 Accompanying FG S
58 A Siamese twin
59 Alphabet tri

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